

The Two Noble Kinsmen.

Should I try death by dussions: I am mop't,
 Food tooke I none these two daies.
 Sipt some water. I have not closd mine eyes
 Save when my lids scowrd off their bine; alas
 Dissolue my life, Let not my sence unsettle
 Least I should drowne, or stab, or hang my selfe.
 O state of Nature, faile together in me,
 Since thy best props are warpt: So which way now?
 The best way is, the next way to a grave:
 Each errant step beside is torment. Loe
 The Moone is down, the Cryckets chirpe, the Schreichowle
 Calls in the dawne; all offices are done
 Save what I faile in: But the point is this
 An end, and that is all.

*Exit.**Scena 3. Enter Arcite, with Meate, Wine, and Files.*

Arc. I should be neere the place, ho. *Cosen Palamon.*
Enter Palamon.

Pal. Arcite.

Arc. The same: I have brought you foode and files,
 Come forth and feare not, her'es no *Thesens*.

Pal. Nor none so honest *Arcite*.*Arc.* That's no matter,

Wee'l argue that hereafter: Come take courage,
 You shall not dye thus beastly, here Sir drinke
 I know you are faint, then ile talke further with you.

Pal. Arcite, thou mightst now poyson me.*Arc.* I might.

But I must feare you first: Sit downe, and good now
 No more of these vaine parlies; let us not
 Having our ancient reputation with us
 Make talke for Fooles, and Cowards, To your health, &c.

Pal. Doe.

Arc. Pray sit downe then, and let me entreate you
 By all the honesty and honour in you,
 No mention of this woman, t' will disturbe us,
 We shal have time enough.

Pal. Well Sir, Ile pledge you.*(blood man.)*

Arc. Drinke a good hearty draught, it breeds good
Doe

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Doe not you feele it thaw you?

Pal. Stay, Ile tell you after a draught or two more*Arc.* Spare it not, the Duke has more Cuz: Eat*Pal.* Yes;*Arc.* I am glad you have so good a stomach.*Pal.* I am gladder I have so good meate too't.*Arc.* Is't not mad lodging, here in the wild woods?*Pal.* Yes, for then that have wilde Consciencs.*Arc.* How tastes your vittails? your hunger needs no*Pal.* Not much.

But if it did, yours is too tart: sweete Cosen: what is th

Arc. Venison.*Pal.* Tis a lusty meate:

Giue me more wine; here *Arcite* to the wenches
 We have known in our daies. The Lord Stewards dau

Doe you remember her?

Arc. After you Cuz.*Pal.* She lov'd a black-haird man.*Arc.* She did so; well Sir.*Pal.* And I have heard some call him *Arcite*. and*Arc.* Out with't faith,*Pal.* She met him in an Arbour:

What did she there Cuz? play o'th virginals?

Arc. Something she did Sir.*Pal.* Made her groane a moneth for't; or 2. or 3.0*Arc.* The Marshals Sister,

Had her share too, as I remember Cosen,

Else there be tales abroad, you'l pledge her?

Pal. Yes.

Arc. A pretty broune wench t'is - There was a time
 When yong men went a hunting, and a wood,

And a broade Beech: and thereby hangs a tale: heig

Pal. For *Emily*, upon my life; Foole

Away with this straind mirth; I say againe

That sigh was breathd for *Emily*; base Cosen,

Dar't thou breake first?

Arc. you are wide.

Pal. By heaven and earth, ther's nothing in thee h

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